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SUBJECT: CALL OF JAPAN ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM MEMBERS ON
AMBASSADOR

1. AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD RECEIVED DELEGATION FROM JAPAN ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM (JAIF) AT EMBASSY. GROUP, LED BY HIROMI ARISAWA, CHAIRMAN OF JAIF, INCLUDED MR. SOICHI MATSUNE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE JAPAN FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS (KEIDANREN), MR. SOHEI NAKAYAMA, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY PROMOTION, MR. KAZUHISA MORI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JAIF AND AMBASSADOR NOBUHIKO USHIBA, FORMER GOJ AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. AND PRESENTLY COUNCILLOR TO JAIF FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS JAPANESE ENERGY POLICY AND U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WILL AFFECT JAPAN'S FUTURE ENERGY SUPPLIES. MR. ARISAWA SAID THAT JAPAN AND EUROPE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED IN THE U.S. HE SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THE JAPANESE NUCLEAR PROGRAM AT THIS POINT. HE DID RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE U.S. CONCERN FOR FINDING A WAY TO HALT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND
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SAID THAT JAPAN SHARES THIS CONCERN.

3. AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD SAID U.S. WAS WORKING WITH JAPAN TO FIND A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD SATISFY JAPANESE NEEDS FOR ENERGY AND U.S. CONCERNS FOR NON-PROLIFERATION. HE SAID HE HAD DESCRIBED JAPANESE ENERGY SITUATION VERY CLEARLY TO USG AND FELT THAT WASHINGTON KNEW OF SPECIAL

GOJ CONCERNS IN THIS REGARD. HE SAID THAT U.S. RECOGNIZES JAPAN CANNOT COMPLETELY ABANDON TOKAI MURA PROJECT OR COMPLETELY FORECLOSE REPROCESSING OPTION. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT AGREE TO OPERATION OF TOKAI PLANT AS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED, HE SAID.

4. MR. MATSUNE SAID JAPAN AND EUROPE ARE NOT AS WELL ENDOWED WITH ENERGY RESOURCES AS U.S. AND MUST RELY ON NUCLEAR POWER TO A GREATER EXTENT. HE ALSO CITED PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO SPENT FUEL STORAGE AS ANOTHER REASON JAPAN MUST MOVE AHEAD WITH ADOPTION OF REPROCESSING PLANS. HE CALLED FOR DISCUSSIONS IN A MULTILATERAL FORUM IN SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD POINTED OUT THAT THE INFCEP STRUCTURING STUDY WAS DUE SOON AND THAT MULTILATERAL APPROACH IS ALREADY INCORPORATED IN THE GROUP-OF-SEVEN MEETINGS. AMBASSADOR ASSURED VISITORS OF HIS INTENT TO COOPERATE IN SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. MANSFIELD

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